

Resolution of Council

21 September 2026

Item 13.5

Reopening Ultimo Library on Weekends

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that Ultimo library:

- (i) opened in 1996, marking its 30th anniversary with a community open day on 20 June 2026
- (ii) provides an important free, accessible, public third space for the Ultimo and Pyrmont communities
- (iii) hosts community programming, such as the popular Rhymetime, and access to the City's extensive collection of books, newspapers and magazines
- (iv) will serve as an important space to cool down in the coming summer months as the City experiences another El Nino weather event

(B) Council further note Ultimo Village Voice:

- (i) has been campaigning for the Ultimo Library to be reopened for 4 hours every Saturday since its operating hours were reduced following the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020
- (ii) wrote to Councillors and City staff on 12 July 2026 requesting an extension of Ultimo Library operating hours

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate opening the Ultimo library on weekends for a minimum of 4 hours every Saturday (ongoing) for Council's consideration as part of the preparation of the 2027/28 Operational Plan
- (ii) report back to Council on the progress of this plan.

Carried unanimously.

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